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MACKEREL FLEET HAD GOOD WEEK

Nearly Million and Third Pounds Land- ed, Mostly Tinker Fish—Receipts Still Lead 1929 Figure

The mackerel fleet landed 1,326,000 pounds the past week mostly tinkers, weighing on an average of a little less than a pound. They were caught in the vicinity of Cape Cod and Middle bank. Dragger reported mackerel of large size on Georges and they have taken some of these fish in their otter trawls. Mackerel sold during the week to wholesale dealers at from 3 to 7 cents for tinkers and 6 to 13 cents for large.

In the corresponding week last year the fleet landed 2,625,000 pounds of fresh and 161 barrels of salt mackerel, about one pound fish. They were caught from Boston bay to Boothbay harbor, Maine and sold from 15 to 20 cents per pound for large and 2½ to 5½ cents for tinkers. Salt mackerel sold at \$16 per barrel, fishermen's order. A million pounds of mackerel were landed here and sold for salting, canning and freezing.

Canadian Catch Ahead.

According to the official report just issued the catch of mackerel in Canada to July 1, 1930 as compared with 1929 has been as follows: salt mack-

erel, 35,992 barrels; in 1929, 30,004 barrels; fresh, 20,707 cwts; in 1929, 27,561 cwts; canned, 459 cases, in 1929, 425 cases.

The total catch of the mackerel here to date has been 35,317,295 pounds. In 1929, it was 32,760,000 pounds; 1928, 27,600,000 pounds; 1927, 36,750,000 pounds.

TRAWLER PICKS UP

BODY OFF CHATHAM

An unidentified body of a man was picked up off Chatham by trawler Georgetown, Capt. Morton Selig, last week and the ring buoy that circled it was brought to the Boston fish pier yesterday. The body, which was weighted and sunk by the Georgetown, had been in the water several weeks and was badly decomposed. The clothing was that of a seaman and had been almost stripped away by action of the water. Although the buoy, filled with cork, bore illegible lettering, possibly its certificate of inspection, it was suggested the man may have belonged to steamer Fairfax or the Pinthis with which she was in collision the night of June 10, off Scituate.

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RECEIPTS BIG AT PIER LAST WEEK

At the Boston fish pier, for the week ending September 18, there were 129 arrivals with 5,850,900 pounds of fresh fish as compared with 126 arrivals and receipts of 5,193,100 pounds in the same week of 1929.

From January 1 to date there have been 4560 arrivals and receipts of 205,569,625 pounds. In the same period of 1929, 4129 arrivals brought in 191,649,812 pounds.

FEW SWORDERS STILL FISHING

About a half dozen more sword fish vessels are still fishing. The catch to date has been 18,210 fish as compared with 24,950 fish last year. Foreign receipts have been 2767 as compared with 2467 last year.

Nova Scotia Lobster Market.

Lobstering continues along a portion of the Northumberland Straits. Normal catches are being secured. Some improvements in the demand for live lobsters is noticeable but prices remain much below the levels of 12 months ago. Cannermen are not displaying their usual eagerness for supplies and the markets for the canned product continue quiet. The results of the season for the fishermen themselves can hardly be expected to be as good as formerly, but if a loss of gear by storms does not hamper them the final returns may prove less disappointing than was feared.

Statistics so far as now available show the catch for the Maritime Provinces this year has improved. The pack is about 10 percent greater than in 1929 and the quantity shipped in shell has continued to grow. On the other hand the fishery in Newfoundland has again declined and the catches in New England States have not shown the same increase as those in Canada.

It is difficult to gauge the consumption of the canned article during the past summer. The weather in Europe was unfavorable but on this continent the good picknicking season should have materially helped to absorb the supplies held on grocers' shelves and the result become apparent later in the year. —Maritime Merchant.

Nova Scotia Dried Fish Markets.

Nova Scotia exporters of Lunenburg bank fish are suffering from several trade ills these days. One is the competition between themselves in Cuba, the other the heavy stocks of Newfoundland fish that are being thrown on the Porto Rican and Jamaica markets. Due to the first of these ills, we are told, Lunenburg fish is being sold in Cuba today below the level of its European competitor. The Lunenburg catch this year is the lowest it has been of any year within our memory, so it seems the height of absurdity, does it not that this local price war should be permitted to continue. As for the inroad which Newfoundland is making in our trade with Porto Rico and Jamaica, this is due chiefly to the fact that bad weather this year made it difficult to cure the catch of the West coast of Newfoundland to suit its usual markets, and as a result it is being shipped to the islands mentioned to sell for what it will bring. This is an unusual competition for our exporters in these very old markets, and needless to say it is causing them a bit of worry. From one cause or another, we find that all dried fish markets are dull at the present time, and price cutting except in lightly salted stocks, of which there is a shortage, is the order of the day. The Havana market as distinguished from what we refer to as the Cuban market, which is the east end of Cuba, is very much overstocked with consignments from Europe, and the same is true of most markets with perhaps the exception of Italy, which is a user of lightly salted fish. World markets are all suffering from the effect of reduced purchasing capacity on the part of

consumers. Brazil's present price of coffee and Cuba's present price of sugar are illustrations of what we mean. No doubt we may expect that in time this condition of things will be corrected, but it will not be very soon. Local exporters we find are very pessimistic about the business prospects for the winter months.

The first large shipment of Gaspe coast fish to Italy for the present season will leave Montreal October 10th. By the time this reaches there, deliveries will also be made by Newfoundland, and as a result prices may temporarily weaken. However, the small catch of the Gaspe coast this year should be marketed with out difficulty; in fact, the expectation is that it will be sold before the end of the present calendar year.

The recent hurricane which brought such destruction to San Domingo, does not seem to have done much harm to the other West India islands. San Domingo is not a large buyer of codfish but she does consume a considerable quantity of Nova Scotia haddock and hake.

We are sorry to hear of such poor results from the Lunenburg fleet on their summer trip: some vessels, we hear, have landed as little as 500 quintals whereas 2000 would not be more than the maximum prospect. A poor catch with such low prices is certainly very discouraging to the Lunenburg fishing industry at the present time and is likely to show itself in Lunenburg County business conditions throughout the winter months. —Maritime Merchant.

The Lobster Market.

Lobsters are in good supply and selling at low prices. Large sizes are in light supply. The warm weather recently has been unfavorable for these shipments.

RECEIPTS STILL CONTINUE GOOD

SEVERAL SEINERS AND DRAG- GERS REPORTED HERE THIS MORNING.

Local receipts of fresh fish both mackerel and ground fish, continued good today, local dealers getting a few trips of mackerel to split, while filleting plants received haddock from off-shore draggers. Some of the seining fleet ran into large spawn herring last night, and the freezers took the receipts this morning. Gill netters brought in around 50,000 pounds of groundfish yesterday afternoon.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Sch. Grace and Evelyn, dragging, 32,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Col. Lindbergh, dragging, 22,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Boston, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Bettina, dragging, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Mariana, seining, 150 bbls. fresh herring.
Boat Virginia, seining, 55 bbls. fresh herring.
Boat Marietta and Mary, via Boston, 37,000 lbs. fresh mackerel.
Boat Alice and Mildred, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh mackerel.
Boat Uncle Sam, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh mackerel.
Boat Angie and Mary, seining, 40,000 lbs. fresh mackerel.
British boat radio, Canadian ports, 200,000 lbs. salt fish.
Overland receipts, 250,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat St. Teresa, via Boston.
Boat Josephine and Margaret, via Boston.
Sch. Audrey and Theo, via Boston.

Sailed.

Sch. Josephine and Margaret, seining.
Sch. Mildred Silva, dragging.
Boat St. Teresa, seining.
Boat Angie and Florence, seining.
Boat Angie and Mary, seining.
Boat Nova Julia, seining.
Sch. L. A. Dunton, halibuting.
Sch. Leonora C., dragging.

Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Boat Mary A., 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Agnes and Myrnie, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Enterprise, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat C. A. Meister, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Evelyn H., 3500 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Phyllis A., 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Nashawena, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Liboria C., 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Eliza C. Riggs, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Myrtle and Gladys, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Naomi Bruce II., 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Lucretia, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

RECEIPTS STILL HEAVY AT BOSTON

LOTS OF GROUND FISH AND MACKEREL LANDED BY BIG FLEET TODAY.

The supply at the Boston fish pier this morning was not quite as heavy as yesterday, but it ran into big figures on both groundfish and mackerel.

There were 34 arrivals and their fares aggregated 1,206,000 pounds of groundfish, 376,000 pounds of fresh mackerel, 15,000 pounds of halibut, 100 swordfish, 95,000 pounds of mixed fish and 10,000 pounds of saltfish. Prices were lower.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Str. Swell, 60,000 haddock, 28,000 cod, 9000 mixed fish.
Str. Sea, 47,000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 13,000 mixed fish.
Str. Dorchester, 45,000 haddock, 5500 cod, 11,000 mixed fish.
Str. Boston College, 65,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 22,000 mixed fish.
Str. Gemma, 55,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 5000 mixed fish.
Str. Shawmut, 64,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 8600 mixed fish.
Sch. Waltham II., 33,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Vandal, 70,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 mixed fish.
Sch. Julia, 45,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 8000 mixed fish.
Boat Andover, 35,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 mixed fish.
Boat Juneal, 7000 haddock, 7000 cod, 5000 mixed fish.
Sch. Ellen T. Marshall, 40,000 haddock, 27,000 cod.
Sch. Philip P. Manta, 33,000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. Constellation, 33,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 10,000 hake, 6000 cusk.
Sch. Killarney, 60,000 haddock, 19,000 cod.
Sch. Eleanor Nickerson, 45,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 9000 hake.
Sch. Lark, 80,000 haddock, 9000 cod.
Sch. Hesperus, 35,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Morning Star, 30,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Natalie Hammond, 15,000 halibut, 30,000 fresh fish, 10,000 salt fish, 9 swordfish.
Sch. Azores, 50,000 cod.
Sch. Elmer E. Gray, 3000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 1 swordfish.
Sch. Dorothy M., 5000 cod.
Sch. Aloma, 90 swordfish.
Boat Frances J. Manta, 30,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 5000 mixed fish.
Boat Angie and Vence, 47,000 mackerel.
Sch. Elk, 40,000 mackerel.
Boat Mary J. Landry, 45,000 mackerel.
Boat Natale II., 35,000 mackerel.
Sch. St. John, 42,000 mackerel.
Boat Rose and Lucy, 42,000 mackerel.
Boat Old Glory, 30,000 mackerel.
Sch. St. Providenza II., 35,000 mackerel.
Sch. Josephine and Mary, 60,000 mackerel.
Haddock, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$1.80; hake, \$1 to \$1.25; pollock, \$1.50; cusk, \$1.50; gray sole, 7 cents per lb.; lemon sole, 3 cents; black backs, 1 1-4 cents; yellow tails, 3 cents; dabs, 2 1-2 cents; large mackerel, 4 cents to 4 1-2 cents; tinker mackerel, 2 cents; halibut, 26 cents; 17 cents; 11 cents; swordfish, 22 cents to 33 cents; catfish, 4 cents.